


PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the City of Seattle recognizes that our growth, strength, and resilience are directly tied to the safety and integrity of our homes, buildings, and infrastructure—essential not only to everyday life but also in times of disaster; and
- WHEREAS, the confidence we place in our built environment is made possible by the dedication of building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers, and others in the construction industry who work year-round to ensure safe and sound construction practices; and
- WHEREAS, these dedicated professionals—many of whom are proud members of the International Code Council—serve as vigilant guardians of our safety by helping to create, interpret, and enforce building codes that ensure the safety of the places where we live, learn, work, and play; and
- WHEREAS, these modern codes incorporate safeguards against a wide range of hazards including earthquakes, hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildfires, and floods, helping protect both people and property; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Seattle is committed to the safety and resiliency of our buildings and neighborhoods, and is actively developing a robust program to retrofit unreinforced masonry buildings to better protect our community in the event of an earthquake; and
- WHEREAS, Building Safety Month, organized by the International Code Council, serves to highlight the often unseen but vital role of local code officials and building professionals who ensure buildings are safe, sustainable, and affordable; and
- WHEREAS, the 2025 Building Safety Month theme—“Game On!”—invites everyone to engage in learning about and promoting building safety on personal, local, and global levels; and
- WHEREAS, Building Safety Month offers an important opportunity for individuals, families, businesses, and communities to commit to improving building safety, resilience, and economic investment, and to acknowledge the essential services provided by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus, and federal agencies in protecting lives and property; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Seattle recognizes that building safety is foundational to a strong, inclusive, and resilient community—ensuring our neighborhoods remain places where everyone can live, work, and thrive with confidence in the safety of the spaces around them.

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRUCE A. HARRELL, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY
PROCLAIM MAY 2025 TO BE*

Building Safety Month



Mayor Bruce A. Harrell
City of Seattle

